Horses and Festivals and Golf – Oh My!

Experience Equestrian Excitement

On the first Saturday in May, the spotlight shines on the Bluegrass State for the "Greatest Two Minutes in Sports"- the Kentucky Derby.   But did you know you equine experiences abound year-round in Kentucky?

This fall, experience the excitement of live thoroughbred racing during the fall meets at two of Kentucky's renowned racetracks, Keeneland and Churchill Downs.   Or, enjoy live racing simulcasts at Kentucky's Ellis Park, Kentucky Downs and Turfway Park racetracks.

If a behind-the-scenes glimpse into the world of horses and horse racing is more your speed, check out the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington and the Kentucky Derby Museum in Louisville. Additional opportunities to get up close and personal with horses include a thoroughbred or saddlebred farm tour, or enjoying a trail ride at one of several riding stables located throughout the state.

Fabulous Festivals

Experience an Unbridled Spirit of fun and celebration at one of Kentucky's many fall festivals.   Arts & crafts, food, music, games and much more await you in the Bluegrass State!   Visit the Kentucky Department of Tourism's Event Calendar for a complete listing of festivals and events.

Tee Time in Kentucky

With more than 180 public golf courses scattered across the state, it's always tee time in Kentucky! The Kentucky State Parks Golf Trail boasts 13 championship 18-hole courses, including six courses known as "The Signature Series" that offer exciting, championship play amid pastoral beauty in every region of the state. The State Parks system also has numerous 9-hole courses, and great "Tee's & ZZZ's" food, lodging and golf packages. Check out the Department of Tourism's Interest Finder for a comprehensive listing of golf courses in Kentucky.

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